

Mac OS X Server In Depth

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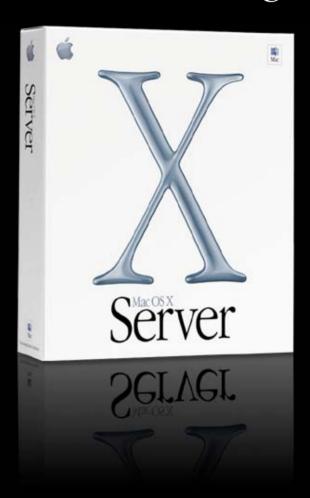


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Introduction

- Remote server administration and monitoring
- Open Directory
- High Availability Services
- File services update
- Web platform
- Q&A





What You Will Learn

- How to design a remote server friendly software
- Key new platform capabilities of Jaguar Server
- What's new in file services area
- Where can I learn more?





Remote Server Administration and Monitoring





Server customers want...

- Ability to boot server boxes without monitor
 - Save space
 - Save \$\$\$
- Manage servers remotely
 - May be kept in secure server closet
 - Manage from anywhere—office, home, on the road . . .
- Monitor multiple servers remotely



Jaguar Server enhancements

- Jaguar Server will support booting without monitor
- All management software will be remote friendly
 - Server Admin: Print Service module
 - Directory Setup
 - NetInfo Domain Setup
- Remote setting of key system preferences
- Remote software update



Keep in mind...

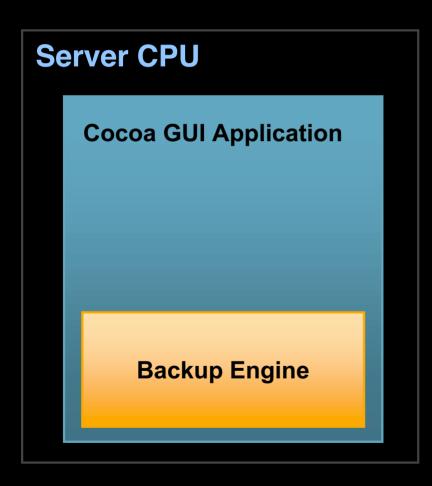
- Server may not have a monitor and keyboard attached
- Likely, there is no system login session
- Not all system services are available:
 - Finder
 - AppleScript
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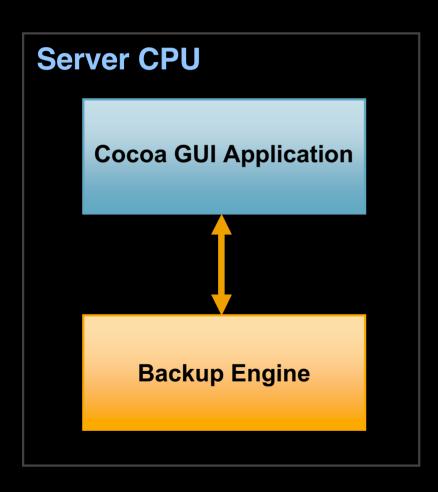
What do server developers need to do?

- De-couple GUI from core functionality
- GUI component needs to be able to run locally or remotely

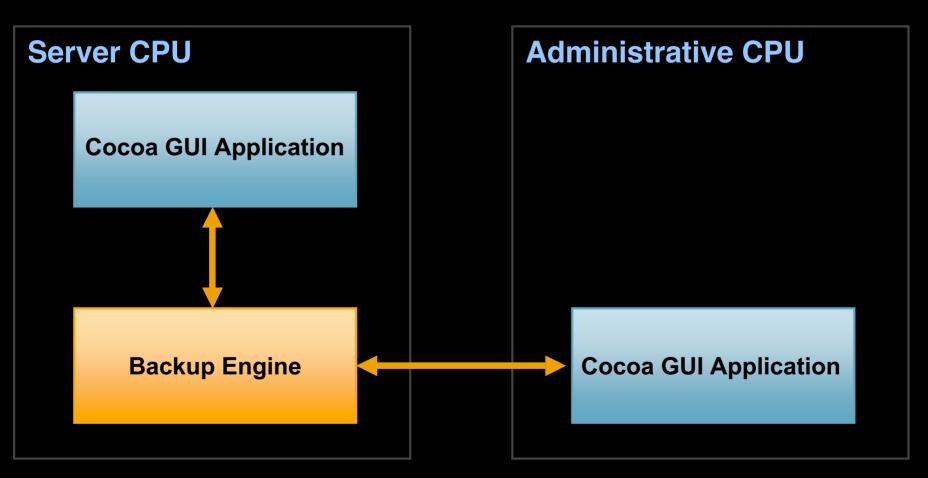














Finding target server

- May want to provide server browser UI
- Use new DNS Service Discovery API to register and locate remote server
- Session 811 Zero Configuration Networking: Thurs., 2:00pm, Room J



Package them in separate installers



Server Installer





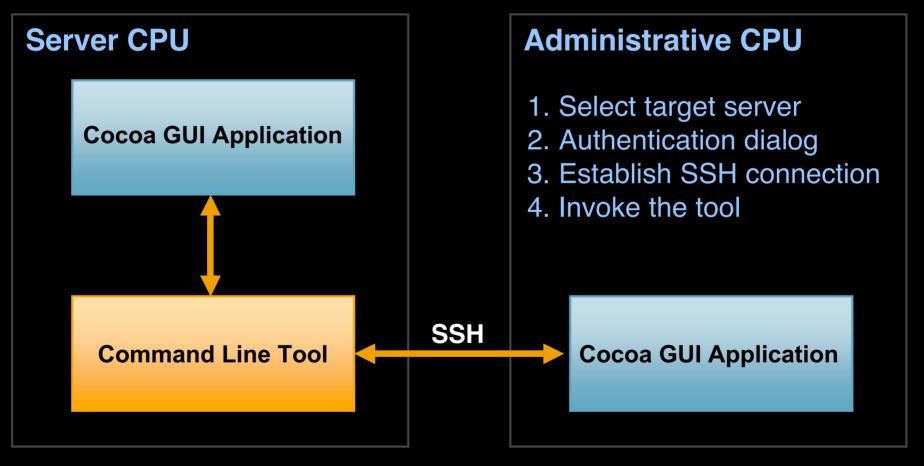
Admin Installer

Administrative CPU

Cocoa GUI Application



Example: NetInfo Domain Setup





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- New "Server Status" application

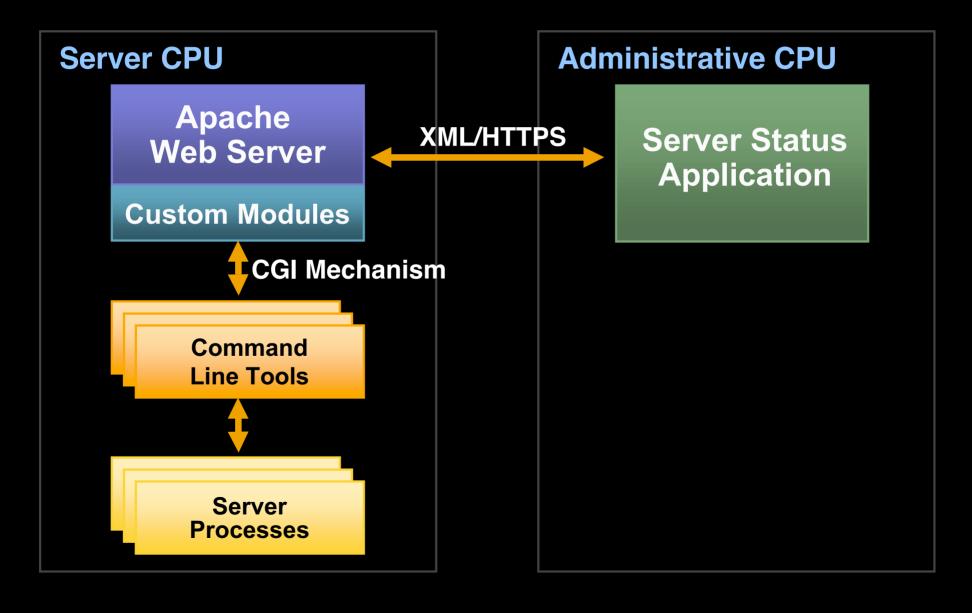




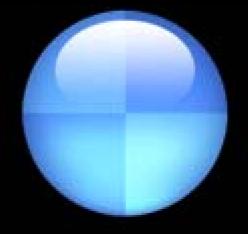
Demo

Server Status Application

Server Status Architecture







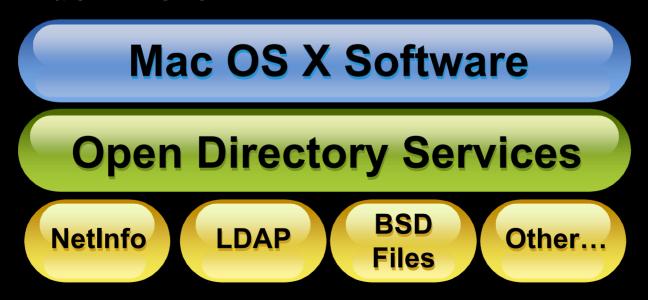
What is it?

- Apple's standards-based directory services architecture
- Allows applications to share information about users and network resources
- Utilized by various components of Mac OS X Server and desktop
- New Password Server provides network authentication services



Standards-based directory services architecture

- Read/write API
- API to create custom plug-ins
- And much more!





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- Machine attributes
- Any shared information
- Service preferences
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User Record

name: kazu passwd: xxxxxxxx

gid: 20

home: /Users/kazu shell: /bin/tcsh

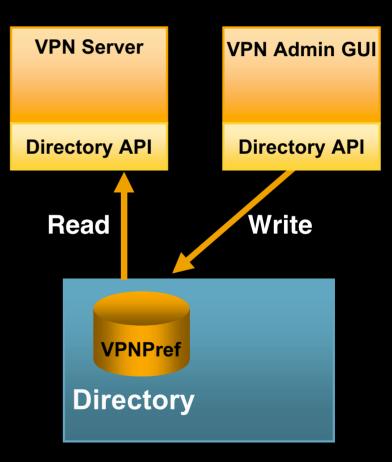
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vpn_quota: 2



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Password Server

 Based on SASL (Simple Authentication and Security Layer) standard



- Verifies password but no network password recovery
- Supports NT/LAN Manager, APOP, CRAM-MD5, SHA-1, and other popular authentication methods
- Password policy features
 - Disable account after a certain date
 - Enforce minimum password length
 - And more



For More Information

Open Directory

- Session
 813 Directory Services, Thu, 3:30pm, Room C
- Online resources developer.apple.com/techpubs/ developer.apple.com/darwin/projects/opendirectory/





High Availability Services

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Servers and services that are always functioning and available.



Added reliability with Watchdog

- First introduced in Mac OS X Server 10.1
- Restarts crashed services
- Heartbeat restart
- For details: \$ man watchdog



New: Disk Space Monitor

- Introduced: today
- Configurable cron job periodically checks for volumes short on disk space
- Configurable alert script notifies administrator when first threshold is exceeded
- Configurable recovery script takes predetermined actions when second threshold is exceeded



Disk Space Monitor

- Default recovery actions include:
 - Compression of log files
 - Deletion of log files
- For details: \$ man diskspacemonitor



New: IP Fail-Over Mechanism

- Introduced: today
- Stand-by server can take over primary server's network address if the primary server fails
- "Fail-back" when primary server returns
- Sends email notifications for all transitions
- Performs multiple ordered actions, before and after acquiring or relinquishing a network address

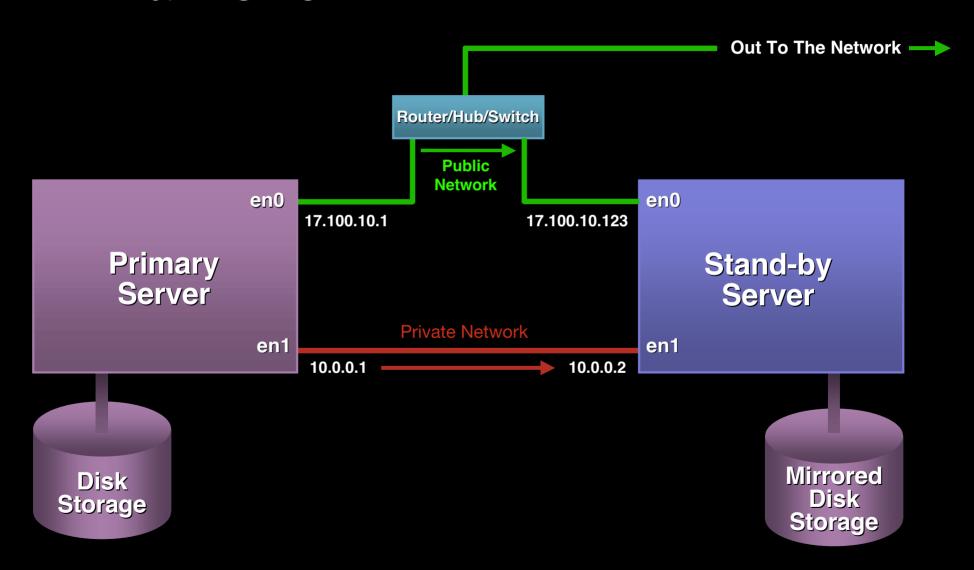


IP Fail-Over Mechanism

- Services are notified of network transitions through standard OS mechanisms
- Option for notifications without fail-over
- Developer or customer extensible
- Simple and flexible
- Excellent solution for certain scenarios
- One component of a complete solution



IP Fail-over



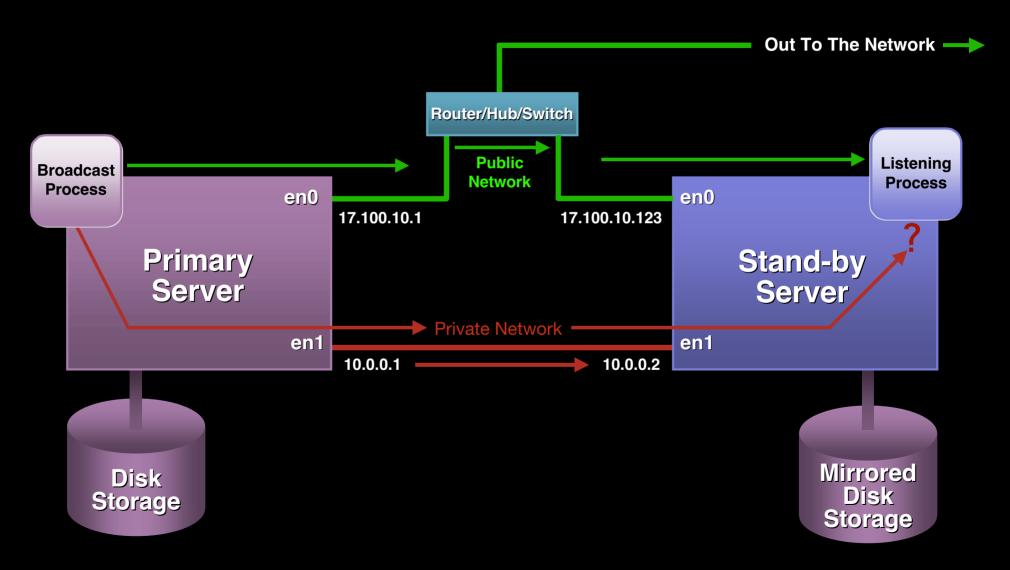
Primary Server

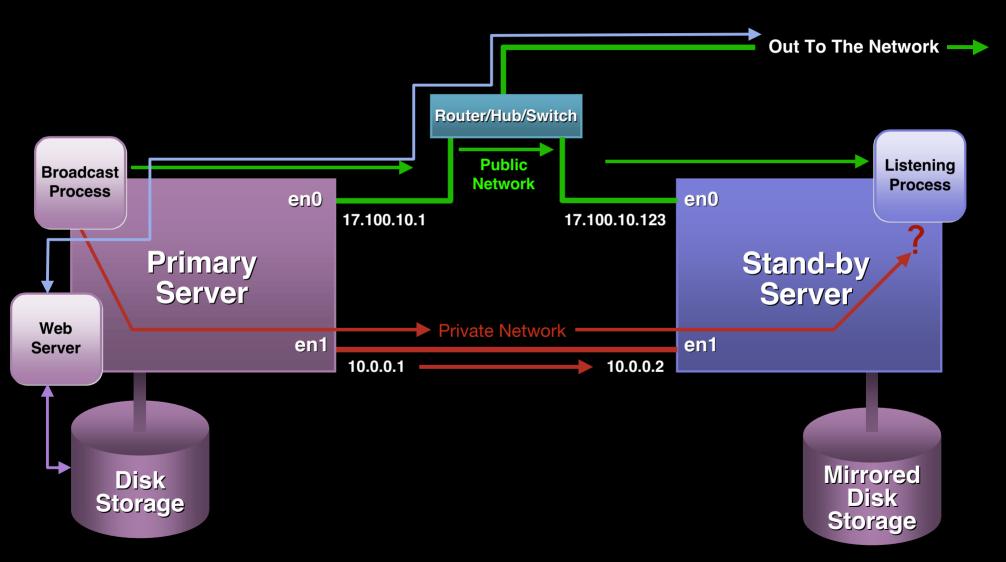
- Has a well known address
- Has a less known address
- Broadcasts "I'm here!"

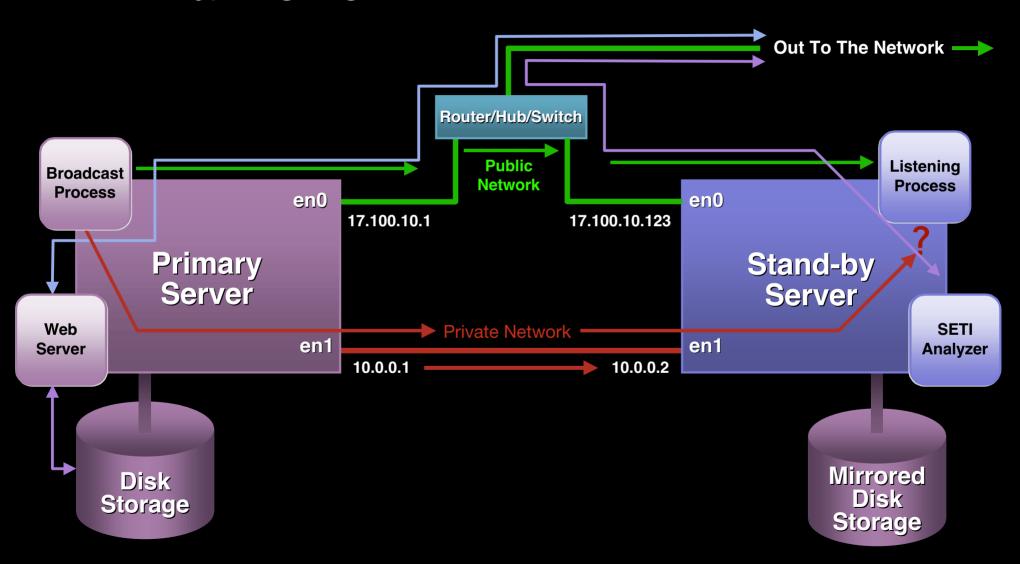
Stand-by Server

- Has a well known address
- Has a less known address
- Listens for primary server

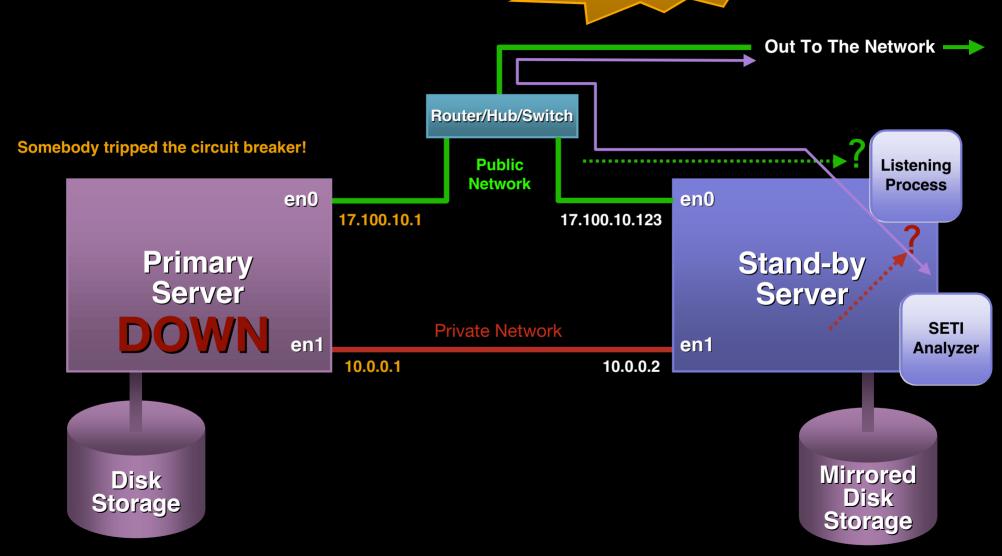




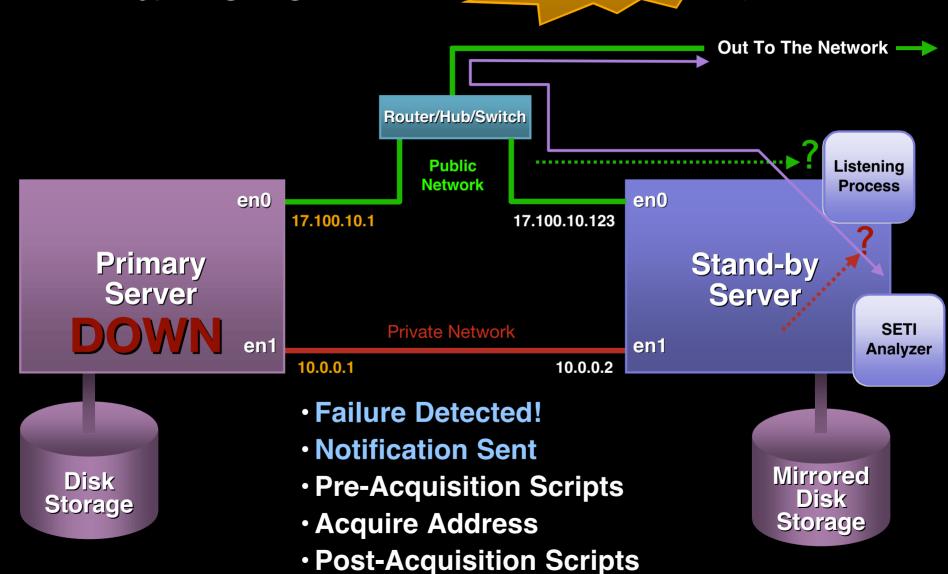




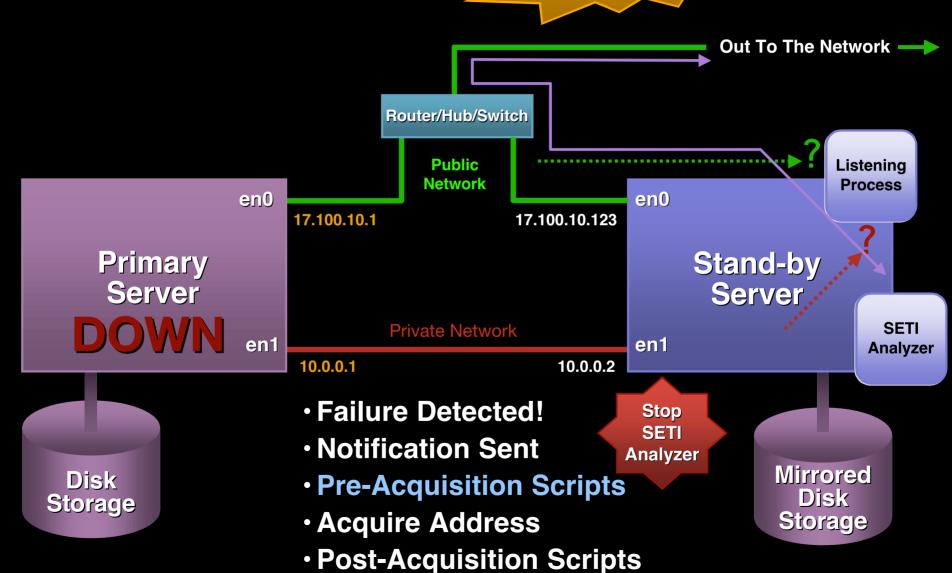




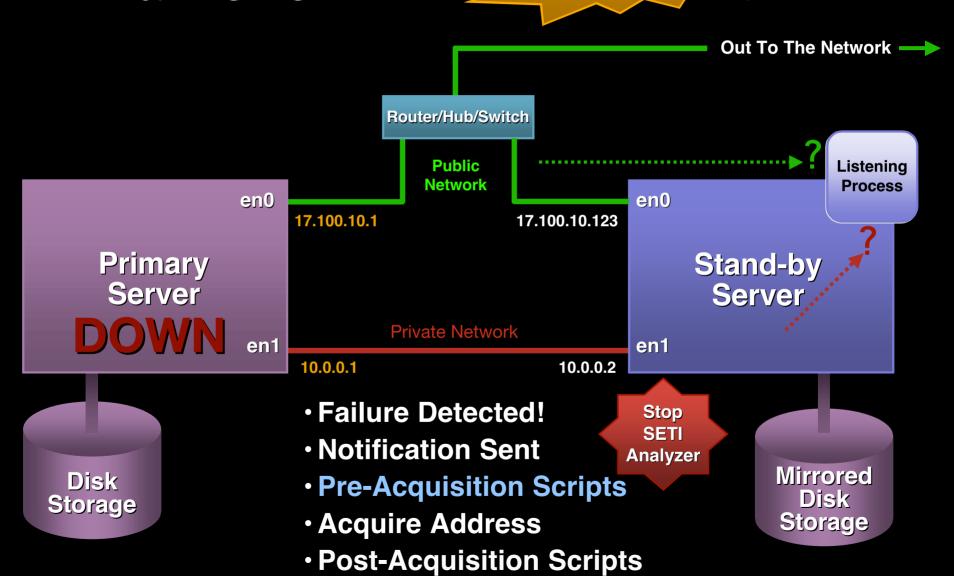




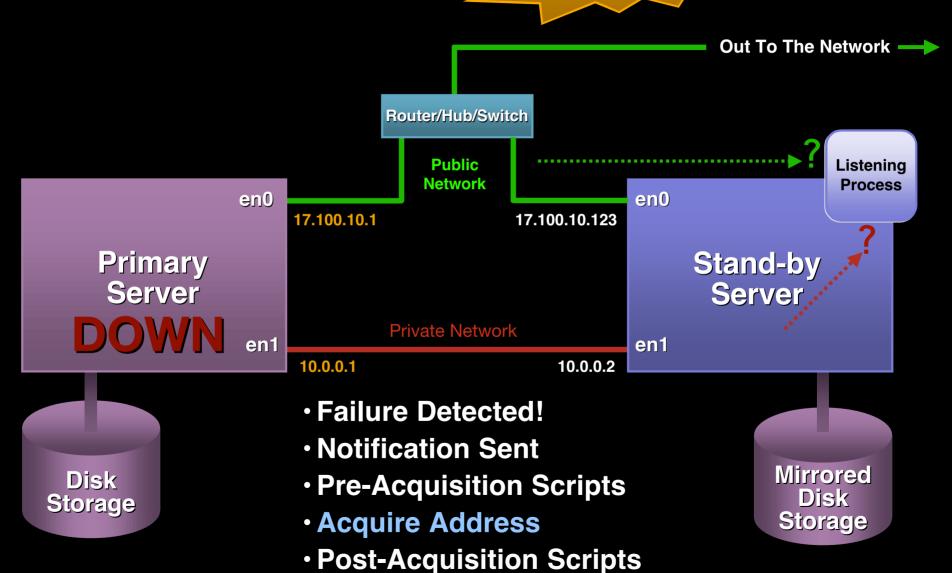




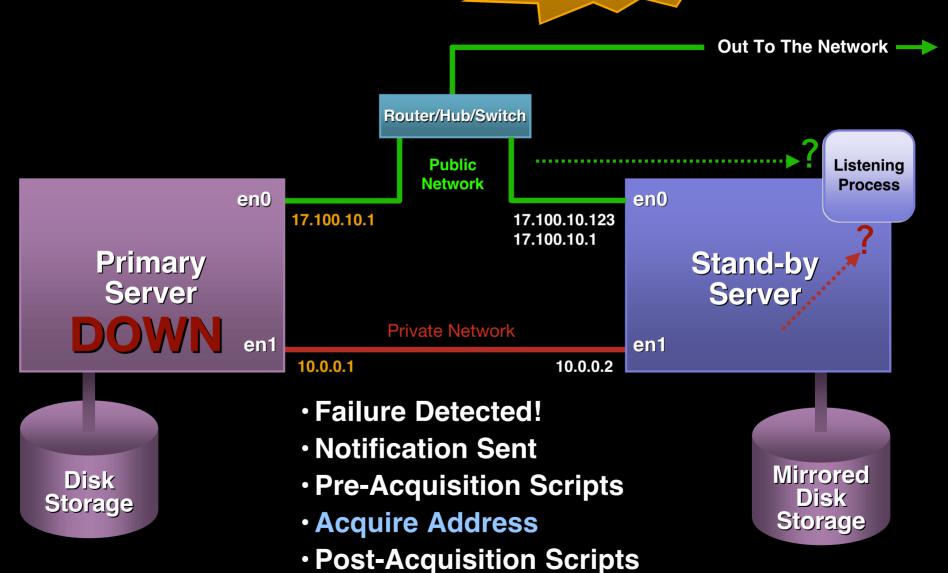




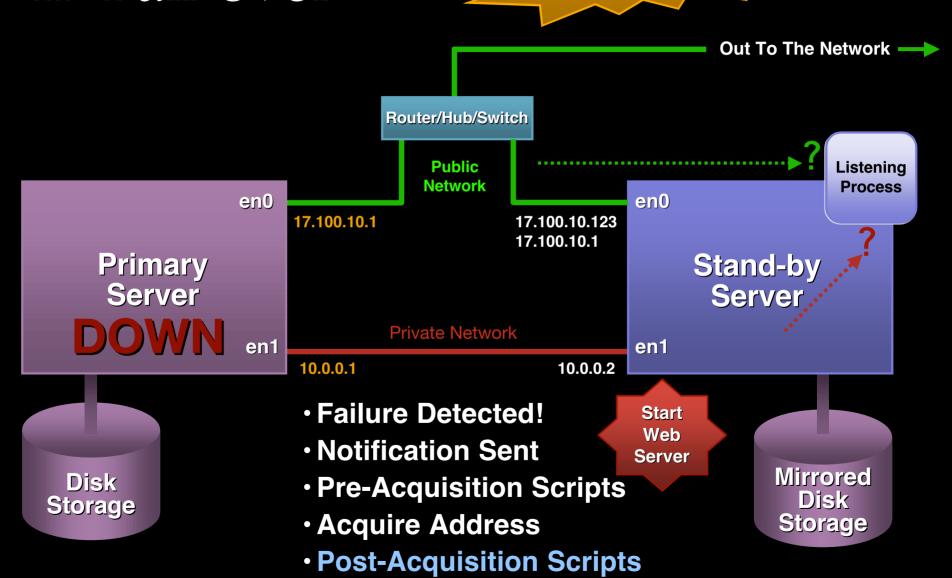




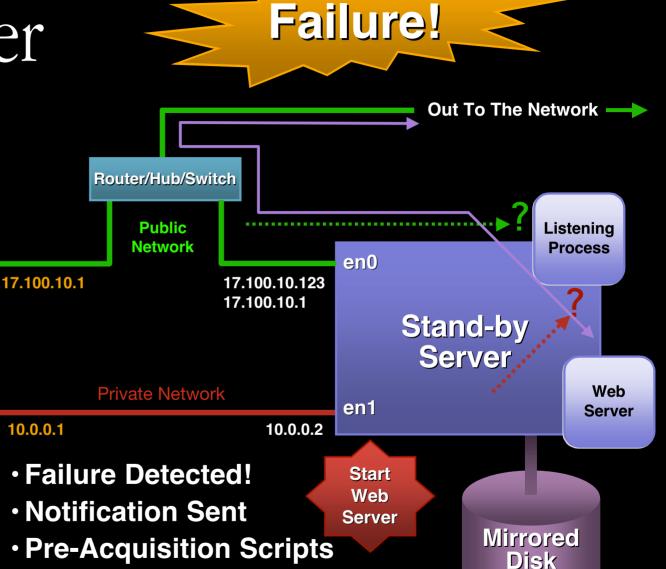








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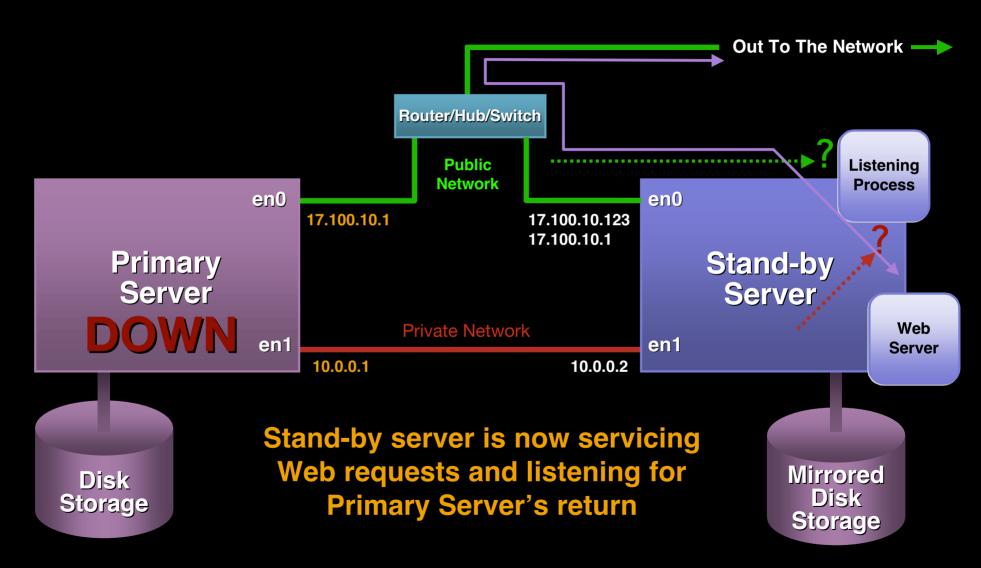
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Disk Storage

Primary

Server

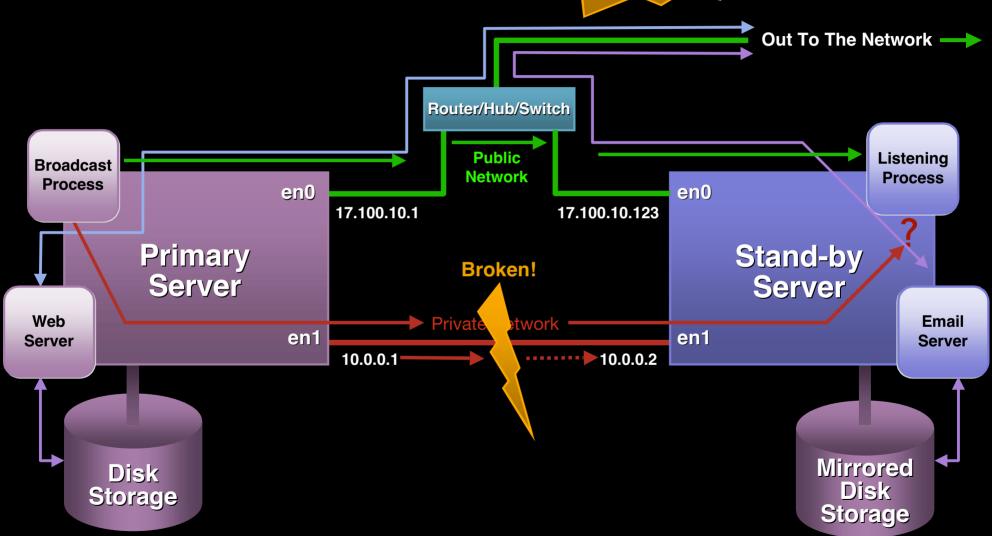
- Acquire Address
- Post-Acquisition Scripts



- Primary server is determined to be down when broadcast packets are missing from both the public and private networks
- An absence of broadcast packets on only one network is considered an anomaly. Anomalies will trigger notifications to be sent, but will not trigger a fail-over action







- The private network is used to:
 - Verify primary server failure
 - Detect primary server recovery
- Anomalies:
 - Never cause the fail-over action
 - Always trigger the notification action
- Fail-back:
 - Works similarly to fail-over, with notifications and Pre- and Post- release extensibility



- Components
 - The broadcast daemon process
 - The listener daemon process
 - Notification script
 - Sample scripts for Pre- and Post- address acquisition
 - Sample scripts for Pre- and Post- address relinquishment
 - Man pages





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Security changes

- Kerberos v5 Support
 - AFP Client
 - AFP Server
 - FTP Server
- Kerberos v4 Support
 - In AFP Client for legacy compatibility
- AFP connection via SSH tunnel



AFP performance enhancements

- Read and write performance
 - Includes TCP stack changes in the kernel
- Scalability
 - AFP Server allocates and kills worker threads as needed
- Faster mount time (Connect To)
- Client Side Caching
 - Use "Read-only" access mode whenever possible



Other features

- BSD Quota support
 - EDQUOTA error mapping
 - Home directory quota limits
- Significantly enhanced sharing functionality
 - Brand new management UI
 - Per service share points
 - Custom share point names



AFP home directory features

- Automatic reconnect as needed
- Improved UNIX fidelity
 - No permission mapping for network users
 - AFP connections show true owner and group
 - Better "delete while open" compatibility
 - Symlink support
- Automatic home directory creation





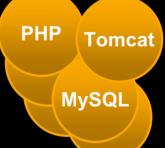


Administration and Monitoring GUI

Performance Cache

Apple Modules

Apache



- Apache
- Additional open source packages
- Apple additions
 - Performance cache
 - Custom modules
 - Admin and monitoring GUI



Great web application platform

- WebObjects—Top rated application server
- MySQL—multiuser SQL database
- PHP—'C' like scripting, database access
- Perl—text manipulation, database access
- Tomcat—Java Servlets, Java Server pages



And more!

- Fast Java platform
- Apache 2 also bundled
- Built-in media streaming server—QTSS
 - Streams live and stored media
 - QuickTime, MPEG-4, MP3 support
 - Playlist to simulate live broadcast



Roadmap

813 Directory Services	Room C Thurs., 3:30pm
812 QuickTime Streaming Server 4	Civic Thurs., 2:00pm
815 Developing for the Managed Desktor	Room J Fri., 9:00am
810 Customizing NetBoot and NetInstall	Room J Thurs., 10:30am



Roadmap

FF017 Feedback Forum: Server Services	Room J Fri., 5:00pm
814 Kerberos in Mac OS X	Room C Thurs., 5:00pm
811 Zero Configuration Networking	Room J Thurs., 2:00pm



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For More Information

Mac OS X Server web sites

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http://www.apple.com/macosx/server/
http://www.apple.com/darwin/projects/streaming/
http://www.apple.com/darwin/projects/opendirectory/
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- Apple Customer Training http://train.apple.com/
- Online developer documentation
 http://developer.apple.com/techpubs/macosx/
- Mailing list
 http://lists.apple.com/









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